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09/867,235

Applicant(s)

ROBINSON ET AL.

Examiner

Lauren Q Wells

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THE REPLY FILED 11 August 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 27-31.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☐ Other: _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

8/24/03

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: a) the 35 USC 102 rejection is maintained for reasons of record in the Office Action mailed 4/9/03, Paper No. 9; b) Applicant argues, "there is no teaching that such compositions also provide a significant skin care active delivery benefit". This argument is not persuasive, as it is not commensurate in scope with the instant claims which do not recite providing a significant skin care active. Additionally, Applicant has not provided evidence that the instant method provides significant skin care active delivery benefit. Applicant argues, "Rouquet requires the presence of organic spherical particles. . . The Rouquet compositions therefore are not those of the instant application". This argument is not persuasive. The Examiner respectfully points out that Applicant's open ended language in the instant claims does not exclude additional ingredients from their compositions. Applicant argues, "Additionally, while several broad categories of skin care actives are disclosed for use with the compositions of Rouquet, there is no guidance provided which would lead one of skill in the art to choose oil-soluble actives as opposed to water-soluble actives". This argument is not persuasive, as the w/o emulsion exemplified by Rouquet et al. and relied upon by the Examiner in the previous Office Action exemplified an oil-phase containing skin care active (isoparaffin). Applicant argues, "no distinction or advantage is taught in the context of a water in oil composition, as opposed to an oil in water composition". This argument is not persuasive, as the Examiner specifically referred to the exemplified water in oil emulsion taught by Rouquet et al. in the previous Office Action.